Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of embedding voice data in a computing system, the method comprising:

detecting a record event;

detecting if a software application currently running on the computing system is voice-aware;

if the software application is voice-aware, embedding the voice data within associated data in the software application; and

if the application is not voice-aware, triggering a voice note application to record and store the voice data.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein detecting a record event comprises detecting activation of a hardware record button.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein detecting a record event comprises detecting activation of a software record button.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein detecting if a software application comprises detecting if a top-level software application is voice-aware.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising:

after said act of detecting a record event, recording voice data.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 5 further comprising:

after said act of recording, buffering voice data.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 5 further comprising:

after said act of recording voice data, detecting whether a memory size of the voice data exceeds a maximum memory size.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising:

before said act of detecting if a software application, detecting whether the record event was a power-up event; if the event was a power-up event, triggering a voice note application to record and store the voice data; and if the event was not a power-up event detecting if a software application currently running on the computing system is voice-aware.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said act of embedding comprises providing an indication to the user that a voice note is embedded.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising:

after said act of embedding, locking a connection to the software application.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 10 further comprising:

after said act of locking, communicating a status to the software application.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising:

before said act of embedding, receiving recording specifications from the software application.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 12 further comprising:

after said act of receiving recording specifications, modifying a user interface of the software application.

14. (Original) A computer program product readable by a computing system and encoding instructions for a computer process for embedding a voice note in a computing system, the computer process comprising:

detecting a user activating a record button;

detecting if a software application currently active on the computing system is voice-aware;

if the software application is voice-aware, embedding the voice note within associated data in the software application; and

if the application is not voice-aware, triggering a voice note application to record and store the voice note.

15. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 wherein detecting a user comprises detecting activation of a hardware record button.

16. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 wherein detecting a user comprises detecting activation of a software record button.

17. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 wherein detecting if a software application comprises detecting if a top-level software application is voice-aware.

18. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 further comprising:

after said act of detecting a user, recording voice data.

19. (Original) A computer process according to claim 18 further comprising:

after said act of recording, buffering the voice data.

20. (Original) A computer process according to claim 18 further comprising:

after said act of recording voice data, detecting whether a memory size of the voice data exceeds a maximum memory size.

21. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 further comprising:

before said act of detecting if a software application, detecting whether the activating of a record button was a power-up event; if the event was a power-up event, triggering a voice note application to record and store the voice note; and if the event was not a power-up event detecting if a software application currently active on the computing system is voice-aware.

22. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 wherein said act of embedding comprises providing an indication to the user that the voice note is embedded.

23. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 further comprising:

after said act of embedding, locking a connection to the software application.

24. (Original) A computer process according to claim 23 further comprising:

after said act of locking, communicating a status to the software application.

25. (Original) A computer process according to claim 14 further comprising:

before said act of embedding, receiving recording specifications from the software application.

26. (Original) A computer process according to claim 25 further comprising:

after said act of receiving recording specifications, modifying a user interface of the software application.

27. (Original) A system for embedding voice data in a computing system, the system comprising:

a detect module that detects a record event;

a top-level module that detects if a software application currently running on the computing system is voice-aware;

an embed module that embeds the voice data within associated data in the software application, if the software application is voice-aware; and

a trigger module that triggers a voice note application to record and store the voice data, if the application is not voice-aware.

28. (Original) A system according to claim 27 wherein the detect module detects activation of a hardware record button.

29. (Original) A system according to claim 27 wherein the detect module detects activation of a software record button.

30. (Original) A system according to claim 27 wherein the top-level module detects if a top-level software application is voice-aware.

31. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:

a record module that records voice data.

32. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:

a buffer module that buffers voice data.

33. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:

a size module that detects whether a memory size of the voice data exceeds a maximum memory size.

34. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:

a power-up module that detects whether the record event was a power-up event; if the event was a power-up event, the power-up module triggers a voice note application to record and store the voice data.

35. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:

an icon module that provides an indication to the user that a voice note is embedded.

36. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:

a lock module that locks a connection to the software application.

37. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:

a communication module that communicates a status to the software application.

38. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:

a specifications module that receives recording specifications from the software application.

39. (Original) A system according to claim 27 further comprising:

a modify module that modifies a user interface of the software application.

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